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North Vancouver RCMP officer charged with assault

Victoria - The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against North Vancouver RCMP Cst. Hirday Olak in connection with his involvement in the arrest of a suspect on October 8, 2019.

An Information charging Cst. Olak with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on June 23, 2020, North Vancouver Provincial Court file number 68104-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for July 8, 2020 in North Vancouver Provincial Court.

The charge was approved by an experienced Crown Counsel located in a different area of the province than the officer under investigation, and who has no prior or current connection with this officer. The charge assessment guidelines applied by the BC Prosecution Service in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in the BC Prosecution Service Crown Counsel Policy Manual and are available online at:

www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines

As this matter is now before the court the BCPS will not be releasing additional information or commenting further at this time.

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